AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images, comprising:

a plurality of cameras for photographing subjects and obtaining image data sets, provided at predetermined locations;

a transmitting means for transmitting the image data sets, provided at each of the plurality of cameras;

an image managing means for storing the image data sets, which have been transmitted by the transmitting means;

a subject specifying means, for specifying the subjects which are pictured in the image data sets;

a template managing means for storing template data sets, which are to be synthesized with the image data sets;

an image searching means for searching among the image data sets, which are stored in the image managing means, for image data sets, in which the subjects specified by the subject specifying means are pictured;

an image synthesizing means for generating synthesized image data sets, by synthesizing image data sets, which have been located by the image searching means, with predetermined template data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored in the template managing means, according to the photography location of the image data sets, in a predetermined layout; and

an output means, for outputting the synthesized image data sets.

2. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in Claim 1, wherein the subject specifying means comprises:

subject specifying data transmitting means for transmitting prerecorded subject specifying data; and

subject specifying data receiving means for receiving the subject specifying data, transmitted from the subject specifying data transmitting means; wherein:

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the subject specifying data transmitting means are distributed among subjects in advance; and

the subject specifying data receiving means receives the subject specifying data of a photographed subject from the subject specifying data transmitting means held by the photographed subject, corresponding to photography operations of the cameras.

3. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 1, wherein the subject specifying means comprises:

media, in which subject specifying data are recorded; and

readout means for reading out the subject specifying data from the media; wherein:

the media are distributed among subjects in advance; and

the readout means reads out the subject specifying data of a photographed subject from the medium held by the photographed subject, corresponding to photography operations of the cameras.

4. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

an image selecting means for selecting image data sets from among the image data sets, which have been located by the image searching means, to be synthesized with the template data sets.

5. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 2, further comprising:

an image selecting means for selecting image data sets from among the image data sets, which have been located by the image searching means, to be synthesized with the template data sets.

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6. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 3, further comprising:

an image selecting means for selecting image data sets from among the image data sets, which have been located by the image searching means, to be synthesized with the template data sets.

7. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 1, wherein the image synthesizing means comprises:

a template selecting means for selecting template data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored in the template managing means, to be synthesized with the image data sets; wherein:

the selected template data sets are synthesized with the image data sets.

8. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 2, wherein the image synthesizing means comprises:

a template selecting means for selecting template data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored in the template managing means, to be synthesized with the image data sets; wherein:

the selected template data sets are synthesized with the image data sets.

9. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 3, wherein the image synthesizing means comprises:

a template selecting means for selecting template data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored in the template managing means, to be synthesized with the image data sets; wherein:

the selected template data sets are synthesized with the image data sets.

10. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 4, wherein the image synthesizing means comprises:

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a template selecting means for selecting template data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored in the template managing means, to be synthesized with the image data sets; wherein:

the selected template data sets are synthesized with the image data sets.

11. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 5, wherein the image synthesizing means comprises:

a template selecting means for selecting template data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored in the template managing means, to be synthesized with the image data sets; wherein:

the selected template data sets are synthesized with the image data sets.

12. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 6, wherein the image synthesizing means comprises:

a template selecting means for selecting template data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored in the template managing means, to be synthesized with the image data sets; wherein:

the selected template data sets are synthesized with the image data sets.

13. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 7, wherein:

the template selecting means increases the number of selectable template data sets, with which the image data sets are synthesized, according to the number of image data sets in which the same subject is pictured.

14. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 8, wherein:

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the template selecting means increases the number of selectable template data sets, with which the image data sets are synthesized, according to the number of image data sets in which the same subject is pictured.

15. (Original)   A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 9, wherein:

the template selecting means increases the number of selectable template data sets, with which the image data sets are synthesized, according to the number of image data sets in which the same subject is pictured.

16. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 10, wherein:

the template selecting means increases the number of selectable template data sets, with which the image data sets are synthesized, according to the number of image data sets in which the same subject is pictured.

17. (Original)   A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 11, wherein:

the template selecting means increases the number of selectable template data sets, with which the image data sets are synthesized, according to the number of image data sets in which the same subject is pictured.

18. (Original) A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 12, wherein:

the template selecting means increases the number of selectable template data sets, with which the image data sets are synthesized, according to the number of image data sets in which the same subject is pictured.

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19. (Original) An image synthesizing apparatus comprising:

an image receiving means for receiving input of image data sets; and

an image synthesizing means; wherein

the image synthesizing means generates synthesized image data sets, by synthesizing image data sets, which have been input, with predetermined template data sets according to the photography location of the image data sets, in a predetermined layout.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having encoded thereon a program comprising instruction that causes when executed cause a computer to execute a method for synthesizing images, said method comprising the procedures steps of:

receiving input of image data sets; and

generating synthesized images; wherein

synthesized images are generated, by synthesized image data sets, which have been input, with predetermined template data sets according to the photography location of the image data sets, in a predetermined layout.

21. (Canceled)